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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PANAMANIAN AIR CARRIERS

REF: PANAMA 3792

1. PAN AM (PAA) OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT PAA ACTIVELY CONSIDERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT WITH COPA. DETAILS NOT FIRM BUT PACKAGE COULD INCLUDE ASSISTANCE, POSSIBLY ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS, IN MARKETING, MAINTENANCE, AND AIRPORT OPERATIONS. ASSISTANCE REPORTEDLY MOTIVATED BY PAA'S DESIRE TO GAIN LONG TERM ADVANTAGE IN PANAMANIAN MARKET THROUGH DISPLAY OF GOOD WILL TO PANAMANIAN CARRIER. PAA IS SOLICITING DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF COPA'S STATUS AND PROSPECTS IN LIGHT SPECULATION THAT PANAMA MAY ESTABLISH OWN AIRLINE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION TO REPORT CONTAINED PARA 2, REFTEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEW AIRLINE AND TO VIEWS RE COPA'S FUTURE. EMBASSY RESPONSE ALSO REQUESTED TO FOLLOWING POINTS BEARING ON GENERAL US-PANAMA CIVAIR ISSUES: (A) WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, ARE BEING TAKEN BY AIR PANAMA TO REDUCE IBERIA'S CONTROL OVER THAT

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CARRIER? (B) HOW IS AIR PANAMA REACTING TO OUR SUGGESTION

THAT IT RESTRICT SUCH US BOUND FLIGHTS THAT ARE OPERATED
FROM BEHIND PANAMA WITHOUT CHANGE IN FLIGHT NUMBER, CON-
TRARY TO INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE? KISSINGER

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